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SUBJ: FISHING QUOTAS, VISITS, FOREIGN INVESTMENT

REF: A. STATE 084700, B. STATE 090495

1. ON APRIL 19, AN EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH DIRECTOR ANDERS OF THE MARITIME DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE PLANNED VISIT OF NORTHEAST FISHERIES SCIENTISTS TO POLAND AND SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING OUR BILATERAL FISHING RELATIONS.

2. ANDERS EXPRESSED THE CONTINUED INTEREST OF THE GOP IN RECEIVING INCREASED ALLOCATIONS OF HAKE, ALASKAN POLLACK, AND SQUID AFTER US FISHING STOCKS ARE EVALUATED. HE ASKED WHEN THE GOP COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE SOME INFORMATION ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. ANDERS HAD NOT HEAR OF THE PLANNED VISIT BY NORTHEAST FISHERIES' SCIENTISTS TO THE SEA FISHERIES INSTITUTE IN GDYNIA (REF B). PLEASE SEND US MORE INFORMATION ON THIS VISIT IF POSSIBLE AND LET US KNOW IF THE EMBASSY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE DELEGATION.

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4. ANDERS PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE POLISH FISHING INDUSTRY IN RESPONSE TO REF A. THE FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS IN REF:

2A. POLISH LAW RELATING TO INVESTMENT AND COOPERATIVE VENTURES BY

FOREIGN FIRMS WITH POLISH ENTERPRISES IS THE SAME FOR ALL SECTORS.
NO DIRECT FOREIGN OWNERSHIP IS ALLOWED IN STATE ENTERPRISES
IN POLAND. COOPERATIVE VENTURES ARE PERMITTED IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE
THE
POLISH PARTNER WILL GAIN TECHNOLOGICAL BENEFITS OR SOME TRADING
ADVANTAGE.

2B. THE GOVERNMENT IS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF ALL FISHING
ENTERPRISES. BY DEFINITION, THE
GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY APPROVES ALL FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLISH
FISHING INDUSTRY.

2C. POLAND HAS A CENTRALLY PLANNED AND CENTRALLY ADMINISTERED
ECONOMY. ALL FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT OF THE STATE FISHING
ENTERPRISES MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE CENTRAL
AUTHORITIES.

2D. SEE 2A.

3. WE WILL POUCH COPIES OF THE POLISH LAWS RELATING
TO COOPERATIVE VENTURES BETWEEN FOREIGN AND POLISH ENTERPRISES.

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